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SUBJECT: SHAZLI'S DENUNCIATION OF SADAT

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1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SHAZLI DELIVERED AN 800 WORD
HAND-WRITTEN DOCUMENT, CRITICAL OF SADAT, TO THE PORTUGUESE
NEWS AGENCY ANOP ABOUT NOON JUNE 19. HIGHLIGHTS:

--"SADAT'S REGIME IN EGYPT IS NO BETTER THAN THE SALAZAR/
CAETANO REGIME PRIOR TO 1974 OR THE FRANCO REGIME IN
SPAIN";

-- "THE MERE EXISTENCE OF WHAT APPEAR TO BE DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THE EXISTENCE OF
A DEMOCRACY";

"" "THE NEW LAWS WHICH SADAT INTRODUCED IN EGYPT MORE THAN
TWO WEEKS AGO ARE EVEN MORE SEVERE THAN ALL THE DEMOCRATIC (SIC)
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LAWS WHICH SALAZAR PUBLISHED DURING HIS POLITICAL LIFETIME.
UNDER THE AMBIGUOUS PHRASES OF NATIONAL UNITY AND SOCIAL
PEACE, SADAT IS DRIVING HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS TO JAIL."

-- "IF WE HAD A REAL DEMOCRACY IN EGYPT WE COULD NOT HAVE
CHOSEN THAT WRONG FOREIGN POLICY OF SADAT THE RESULTS OF
WHICH ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY:

(A) ISRAEL BECAME MORE INTRANSIGENT THAN EVER BEFORE.

THE ISRAELIS ARE NOW REJECTING WHAT THEY WERE READY TO ACCEPT DURING THE DARKEST DAYS OF OUR DEFEAT IN 1967.

(B) THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES, WHICH IS THE MAIN FACTOR THAT COULD ENABLE THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE SETTLEMENT FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH, HAD LOST MUCH OF ITS VIGOUR. ITS CAPABILITIES NOW ARE ESTIMATED TO BE HARDLY 60 PERCENT OF ITS PRE-73 STANDARD; WHILE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE ISRAELI ARMED FORCES HAS INCREASED TO 160 PER CENT DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

(C) THE ARAB SOLIDARITY HAD BEEN SHAKEN. THE DIVISION BETWEEN THE ARAB COUNTRIES NOW HAS NO SIMILARITY IN THE LAST 30 YEARS.

(D) THE REMARKABLE POSITION OF EGYPT AMONG THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN GENERAL, AND AMONG THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR HAS GREATLY DIMINISHED.

2. IN STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS SHAZLI SAID THAT HE OPPOSED SADAT FOR:

--THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW ANTI-DEMOCRATIC LAWS IN EGYPT.
-- PUBLICATION BY SADAT OF HIS MEMOIRS IN WHICH HIS STATEMENTS REGARDING SHAZLI'S FULFILLMENT OF DUTIES DURING THE 1973 WAR WERE FULL OF "GROSS ERRORS."
-- SADAT'S POLICY OF OPENESS TOWARD ISRAEL WHICH "LEFT THE ARAB WORLD MORE DIVIDED TODAY THAN EVER."

3. SHAZLI HAS SAID HE PLANS TO LEAVE PORTUGAL BUT NOT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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EGYPT AND THAT HE "WOULD BE WELCOMED IN ANY ARAB COUNTRY." ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SHAZLI HAD WAITED ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE MAKING HIS OPPOSITION KNOWN. NO FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THE TIMING WAS FURNISHED.

4. FULL TEXT OF SHAZLI DOCUMENT BEING POUCHED.
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